Stacey C. Stone, Esq.

Email: sstone@hwb-law.com



2020 DEC 30 PM 4: 03

CLERK APPELLATE COURT

Counsel for Appellant

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

LANCE PRUITT,

Appellant,

v.

LT. GOVERNOR KEVIN MEYER, in his official capacity as Lt. Governor for the State of Alaska, and GAIL FENUMIAI, in her official capacity as Director of the Division of Elections,

Appellees.

ELIZABETH A. HODGES SNYDER,

Intervenor.

5-17971

Supreme Court No. S-17951 (Consolidated) Superior Court No. 3AN-20-09661 CI

STATEMENT OF POINTS ON APPEAL

COMES NOW Appellant Lance Pruitt, by and through his attorneys, Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, P.C., and hereby provide the following statement of points on appeal pursuant to Alaska R. App. P. 204(e):

- 1. The Superior Court erred in granting the motions to dismiss Count II of the complaint.
- 2. The Superior Court erred in finding that the Division of Elections changed the location of the polling place for Precinct 27-915 six days before the 2020 General Election due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

STATEMENT OF POINTS ON APPEAL Page 1 of 4

Lance Pruitt v. Lt. Gov. Kevin Meyer, et al Supreme Court Case No. S-17951 (Consolidated) 3. The Superior Court erred in disregarding and failing to consider the 65-day delay between when the Division of Elections: (a) was notified about the issue with Precinct 27-915's ordinary polling location at Wayland Baptist, and (b) confirmed a new polling location for the 2020 General Election.

4. The Superior Court erred in finding that some of the notice requirements under AS 15.10.090 were not feasible, as the Court failed to acknowledge the dilatory conduct of the Division of Elections in securing the polling location.

5. The Superior Court erred in relying on prior election results to discount certain expert testimony, particularly because the Court acknowledged and accepted other expert testimony that moving polling places generally lowers turnout.

6. The Superior Court erred in relying on the testimony of Ralph Townsend, PhD, as he has no election or political experience, and he had not reviewed any of the underlying factual material.

7. The Superior Court erred in finding, based on inference alone, that the means the Division of Elections employed to notify voters of the polling location change may have been as effective as other possible means available.

8. The Superior Court erred in finding that Mary Jo Cuniff was prevented from voting, particularly in its reliance on approximate times provided.

9. The Superior Court erred in finding that no voter was prevented from voting due to the lack of notice required by statute.

10. The Superior Court erred in finding that the Division of Elections, including the Director and Region II Supervisor, acted in good faith in attempting to notify voters about the change to the 27-915 polling location.

11. The Superior Court erred in failing to find a significant deviation from statutorily-prescribed norms with regard to the Division of Elections' lack of compliance with AS 15.10.090, particularly because the court failed to consider the requirements that could have been met had the Division acted prudently and in good faith.

12. The Superior Court erred in finding that the Division of Elections' deviation from AS 15.10.090's notice requirements was not done knowingly or with reckless disregard of the statutory requirements.

13. The Superior Court erred in failing to find that the Division of Elections engaged in malconduct sufficient to change the results of the election.

DATED this 30 day of December, 2020, at Anchorage, Alaska.

HOLMES WEDDLE & BARCOTT, P.C. Counsel for Appellant

Counsel for Appen

By:

Stacey C. Stone

Alaska Bar No. 1005030

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this 30th day of December, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, printed in Times New Roman typeface 13 point, was served via Email to:

Margaret Paton-Walsh Laura F. Fox Thomas Flynn Attorney General Alaska Department of Law

Email: margaret.paton-walsh@alaska.gov

Email: <u>laura.fox@alaska.gov</u> Email: thomas.flynn@alaska.gov

Holly C. Wells Jennifer C. Alexander Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot Email: hwells@bhb.com

Email: hwells@bhb.com
Email: jalexander@bhb.com

By: s/Shaunalee Nichols

Legal Assistant

Holmes Weddle & Barcott, P.C.

STATEMENT OF POINTS ON APPEAL
Page 4 of 4

Lance Pruitt v. Lt. Gov. Kevin Meyer, et al Supreme Court Case No. S-17951 (Consolidated)



Stacey C. Stone, Esq.

Email: sstone@hwb-law.com



2020 DEC 30 PM 4: 02

Counsel for Appellant

CLERK APPELLATE COURT

IN THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPUTY CLERK

LANCE PRUITT,

Appellant,

V.

LT. GOVERNOR KEVIN MEYER, in his official capacity as Lt. Governor for the State of Alaska, and GAIL FENUMIAI, in her official capacity as Director of the Division of Elections,

Appellees.

ELIZABETH A. HODGES SNYDER,

Intervenor.

5-17971

Supreme Court No. S-17951 (Consolidated)

Superior Court No. 3AN-20-09661 CI

NOTICE OF APPEAL

COMES NOW Appellant Lance Pruitt, by and through his attorneys, Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, P.C., and hereby give notice of his appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court pursuant to Alaska R. App. 204(b).

DATED this 30 day of December, 2020, at Anchorage, Alaska.

HOLMES WEDDLE & BARCOTT, P.C. Counsel for Appellant

By:

Stacey C. Stone

Alaska Bar No. 1005030

NOTICE OF APPEAL Page 1 of 2

Lance Pruitt v. Lt. Gov. Kevin Meyer, et al Supreme Court Case No. S-17951 (Consolidated)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this 30th day of December, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, printed in Times New Roman typeface 13 point, was served via Email to:

Margaret Paton-Walsh Laura F. Fox Thomas Flynn Attorney General Alaska Department of Law

Email: margaret.paton-walsh@alaska.gov

Email: laura.fox@alaska.gov
Email: thomas.flynn@alaska.gov

Holly C. Wells
Jennifer C. Alexander
Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot
Email: hwells@bhb.com
Email: jalexander@bhb.com

By: <u>s/ Shaunalee Nichols</u>
Legal Assistant
Holmes Weddle & Barcott, P.C.